

2013 Annual Report



New Mexico Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Program

**New Mexico State Police
Special Investigations Division
Motor Transportation Police Division**



Gregory J. Fouratt

DPS Secretary

I was deeply honored when the Governor asked me to serve as the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Public Safety. From my 17 years at the United States Attorney's Office, I long ago had developed enormous respect for the mission of this department and for the uniformed and civilian personnel who bring it to life each day. Having now worked shoulder-to-shoulder with you over the last month, my respect for your professionalism and the dedication with which you approach your work has only grown.

In my discussions with former Secretary Eden, Deputy Secretary Mooney, and Chief Kassetas, I know that our department has experienced significant change over the past year. The reorganization of the department began with efforts to realign all sworn law enforcement personnel under the New Mexico State Police Pay Plan. I understand that this move was virtually unanimous and I ask for your continued support as we move this initiative forward, with the objective of creating equality throughout our sworn law enforcement ranks. The department launched its related effort to obtain legislative approval to transition all sworn law enforcement personnel to exempt status, an initiative which many refer to as "the merger." We will redouble that effort in the year ahead because that transition will also promote equality among our sworn officer ranks.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NMDPS SECRETARY

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

Over the past year, we achieved increased productivity and efficiency in our Concealed Carry program with a CCW license now being sent out within a couple of weeks as opposed to months. The creation of a 16-week Law Enforcement Academy, with its modernized and streamlined new curriculum, is as exciting for us as it is for the numerous law enforcement agencies that use our academy to train their new officers. Our forensic labs have endeavored, without any reduction in quality or accuracy, to shorten their processing time, which allows cases to move through the judicial system more quickly. Our records bureau fielded more requests, managed more records, and analyzed more data than ever before. Our information technology experts continued to equip us with the hardware and software we need not only to keep up, but to thrive, in an increasingly complicated technological environment. And I am advised that our Administrative Support Division – all of its components – continued its commitment to process improvement and satisfying the dozens of internal and external customers that it has.

With law enforcement being more and more in the public eye, this year presents all of us with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how the Department of Public Safety continues to set the standard that others hope to achieve. I could not be more proud of this department, the public service you perform, or the professionalism with which you do so. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.



A MESSAGE FROM THE NMDPS SECRETARY

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



Mission Statement

The New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) protects human life and property through the detection and prevention of criminal activity and enforcement of state laws and regulations. Additionally, the NMDPS provides vital leadership in scientific analysis, training, IT network services, and operational support to the criminal justice community and public at large.

Purpose

The NMDPS exists to promote a safe and secure environment for the State of New Mexico through intelligently led policing practices, vital scientific and technical support, current and relevant training, and innovative leadership for our greater law enforcement community.

Vision

The NMDPS is committed to providing the highest quality of public safety services for the State of New Mexico and its law enforcement community. We will constantly evaluate and develop our efforts to become a national model in providing ethical, innovative, effective, efficient, and customer-oriented public safety services to the citizens and visitors of New Mexico.

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



Pete N. Kassetas

Chief/Deputy Secretary

It is my honor to present to you the ***Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Program's 2013 Annual Report***. This report highlights the dedicated work of the Department's employees who consistently provide essential services to the citizens of New Mexico and other law enforcement agencies around the state. This past year, our officers not only handled more calls for service, they effected more arrests, wrote more citations, and increased DWI arrests by 10% compared to the previous year.

On August 1, 2013, I was appointed as the 21st New Mexico State Police Chief and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement Program. The Law Enforcement Program consists of three Divisions: the State Police, the Motor Transportation Police, and Special Investigations. These Divisions have an overall commissioned strength of approximately 750 officers and 250 civilian employees.

I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of New Mexico as the Chief of the State Police. It is my goal to lead this great agency in working together to improve the quality of life for all the citizens we serve.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NMSP CHIEF



Director Kimberly Clark

It has been the goal of the DPS to enhance operations and provide consistency in process and service levels by bringing all of the DPS Communications Centers into one Bureau under the leadership of an E-9-1-1 professional. After years of planning and effort, the DPS Communications Bureau was born in July of 2013. This new Bureau consists of one Director, 10 Supervisors and 73 Communications Specialists serving communities in 11 Communications Centers across the state.

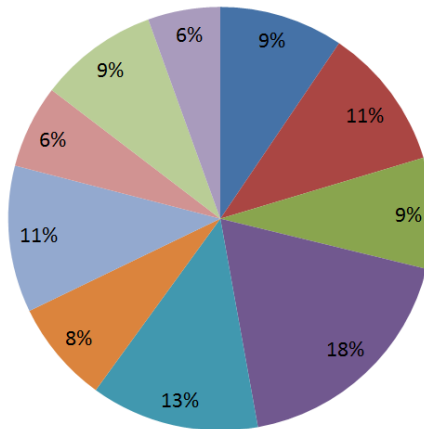
The DPS Communications Centers vary in size, hours of operation, communities serviced, and number of agencies served. These centers support more than 30 public safety agencies across the state including the NM State Police and the Motor Transportation Police, several local, city, and county law enforcement agencies, career and volunteer fire agencies, as well as a few other state and federal public safety agencies. All of the centers process warrants for various city and county courts. Nine of the DPS Communications Centers serve as primary, or secondary, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and are equipped with 9-1-1 Telephony equipment; two of the centers receive Drunk Buster calls and several of the DPS Communications Centers support local PSAPs by serving as back-ups, in case of primary PSAP center failure.

Workload in the DPS Communications Centers consists of: incoming and outgoing, emergency and non-emergency, and Drunk Buster, telephone calls; supporting field units via public safety radio; a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system; and Mobile Data Computer system.

DPS COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

NMDPS CAD Events Generated by Comm Center 2013

■ D1 ■ D2 ■ D3 ■ D4 & D12 ■ D5 ■ D6 ■ D7 ■ D8 ■ D9 ■ D11



2013 Quick Facts

District	Communication Members	CAD Events Generated in 2013	Agencies Supported	% of CAD Workload
D1	7	28,262	5	9.5%
D2	11	32,553	25	10.9%
D3	5	25,289	3	8.5%
D4 & D12	10	54,829	2	18.3%
D5	12	38,350	5	12.8%
D6	9	23,422	3	7.8%
D7	8	33,477	5	11.2%
D8	6	18,990	2	6.4%
D9	7	27,177	2	9.1%
D11	8	16,492	4	5.5%
Total	83	298,841	n/a	100.0%

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Deputy Chief David Martinez
Office of the Chief



Deputy Chief Jimmy Glascock
Office of the Chief



Major Joseph Lovato
*NMSP Uniform East
Zone Commander*



Major Darren Soland
*NMSP Uniform West
Zone Commander*



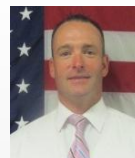
Major Scott Weaver
Standards Bureau



Major Adrian Armijo
Special Operations Bureau



Major Chris Mayrant
MTPD Headquarters



Major Ryan Suggs
Investigations Bureau



Major Tim La Bier
MTPD West Zone Commander



Major Bryan Credeur
MTPD East Zone Commander



Captain Dina Romero
*NMSP Training &
Recruiting Bureau*



Captain Tim Johnson
Special Investigations



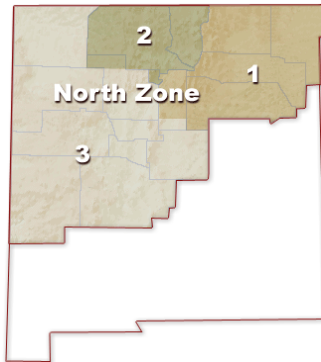
**Lieutenant Emmanuel
Gutierrez**
Public Information Officer



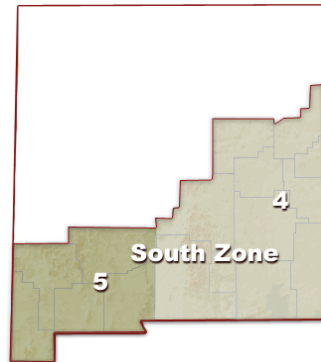
Sergeant Julia Armendariz
*NMSP Governor's
Security Detail*

CHIEF'S STAFF

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



Captain Juan Martinez
IB North Zone



Captain Tommy Mora
IB South Zone

Quick Facts	2013
Agents in Bureau	99
Total Number of Cases Handled	2480
Number of Assists to Other Agencies	424
Homicide Clearance Rate	90%
Total Crime Scene Team Missions	161
Crime Scene Team Missions for Other Agencies	53
Total Online Predator Unit Cases Handled	45
Online Predator Unit Assists to other Agencies	10
Total Analytical Unit Cases Handled	621
Total Analytical Unit Cases Handled for other Agencies	193
Total Clandestine Lab Missions	5
Clandestine Lab Assists to other Agencies	4

Technical Unit

Additional to the Zones, the Investigations Bureau has three specialized units. These units contain technical experts that conduct or assist investigations across the state.

- Crime Scene Team
- Online Predator Unit
- Analytical Unit

NMSP INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

The mission of the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau is to investigate, prevent, disrupt, and detect violent criminals and felonious criminal activity that undermine the safety and security of the citizens of the State of New Mexico. The Investigations Bureau (IB) will also work in a collaborative manner conducting comprehensive and systematic investigations concerning alleged violations of the Controlled Substance Act of the State of New Mexico and of the United States.

The IB has numerous positive interactions within the communities throughout the State. These interactions include attending Community and Border Violence meetings, citizen awareness classes, drug summits, and retailers meetings,. These community commitments address the needs of the citizens we serve.

Significant Accomplishments:

In 2013, the NMSP IB was the lead agency for 10 homicide investigations that occurred throughout the State resulting in a 90% clearance rate. The NMSP IB Crime Scene Team conducted 161 total crime scene missions. The Crime Scene Team supports not only NMSP led investigations, but other state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies as requested.

In 2013, the NMSP IB continued to focus its efforts and attention on illicit narcotic activities and investigations. As a result, narcotic investigations were conducted in ***all 33*** counties within New Mexico. The investigations consisted of undercover purchases, controlled buys, highway interdiction cases, and the investigation and dismantling of methamphetamine laboratories. The investigations resulted in the seizure of over 42 kilograms of methamphetamine, four kilograms of heroin, 13 kilograms of cocaine, and 746 kilograms of marijuana.

Another essential function of the NMSP IB, is the investigation of Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). In 2013, NMSP IB conducted five investigations in which a NMSP officer was involved in a shooting situation. They conducted, or assisted in, 18 additional investigations in which a local, tribal, or federal officer was involved. NMSP IB also participated in 14 joint OIS Task Force investigations.

This past year, the NMSP IB completed a comprehensive review of the Department of Public Safety's Investigation of Deadly Force incidents in order to maintain national standards. NMSP IB also completed the development of an OIS presentation and began implementing training at the district level statewide.

NMSP INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Research & Development

Research & Development manages the Agency's policies and procedures along with the accreditation program. The New Mexico State Police is a nationally accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Being accredited means that the agency follows comprehensive, thoroughly analyzed policies, reports, and analyses to make well informed management decisions. It puts preparedness programs in place, improves relationships within the community, strengthens agency accountability, and assists in the agency's pursuit of excellence by meeting over 400 state-of-the-art standards covering four basic areas: policy and procedure, administration, operations, and support services.

Quick Facts	2013
Policy Revisions	30
Research Projects	10
Policies Currently in Revision	12
CALEA Award	Preparing for Third award

Internal Affairs

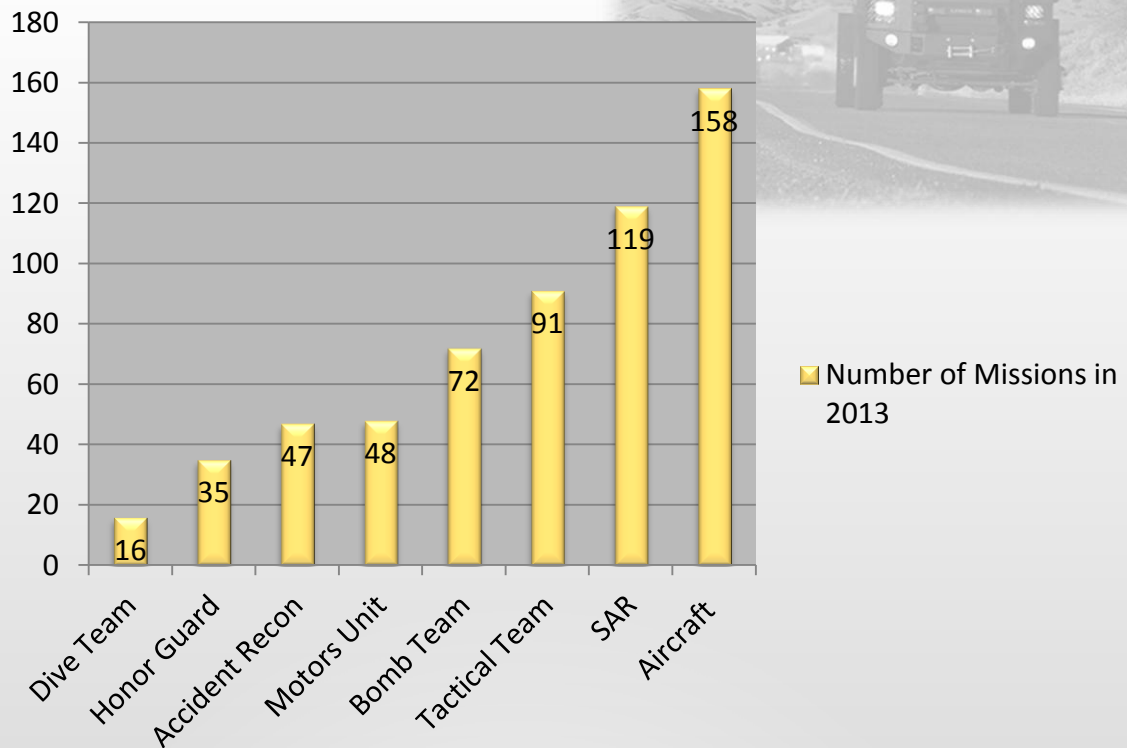
It is imperative that the Internal Affairs Section strives to uphold the public trust that is paramount for a law enforcement organization. Therefore, it is the mission of this Section to preserve the professionalism of the Department of Public Safety through fair, impartial, and timely administrative investigations.

Quick Facts	2013
Number of Agency Administrative Investigations	51
Number of Agency Administrative Inquiries	6
Number of Agency Pursuits	93

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

The New Mexico State Police, the state's legislature, New Mexico citizens, and the broader law enforcement community have all played a role in shaping the NMSP into a modern and sophisticated law enforcement organization. As more and more requests were made of the NMSP to handle a myriad of enforcement activities, the agency grew into a specialized and uniquely trained force. In addition to the teams listed below in the chart, the Special Operations Bureau consists of Fleet Operations, Homeland Security/Hazardous Materials, Crisis Negotiations, the Tactical Emergency Medical Support Team, and the K-9 Team.

In 2013, the K-9 Team consisted of four officers and one Sergeant. Together they wrote 2,039 citations, arrested 101 individuals, seized 750 pounds of marijuana, 19.3 pounds of cocaine, 64 pounds of methamphetamine and 11 pounds of heroin. In addition, they identified 20 compartment vehicles, which were federally seized.



NMSP SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU



The New Mexico State Police Training and Recruiting Bureau's mission is to provide the initial and continuing training to all New Mexico State Police Officers and Department of Public Safety personnel as needed. The staff is dedicated to providing quality training programs that reflect the needs of the organization, the communities we serve, and the ever changing environment in which we operate. With this goal in mind, we will provide our officers with the necessary KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES to fulfill the objectives of the New Mexico State Police, while maintaining Tradition, Pride, and Honor.

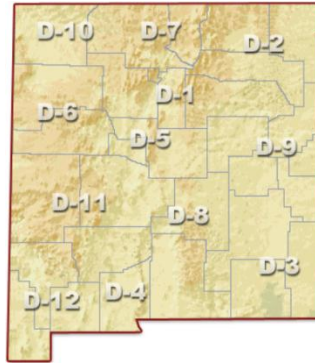
Initial training for all new NMSP recruits begins in Santa Fe at the State Police Academy. Recruits attend a vigorous 22-week, in-house, para-militaristic academy. The academy staff graduated 57 recruits in 2013, after holding two recruit classes.

The NMSP Training and Recruiting Bureaus has made a concerted effort to reach out and share its training opportunities with other divisions and agencies by offering and teaching advanced training courses such as: Explosive and Improvised Device Detection, Instructor Development, and Crime Scene Processing, just to name a few. In 2013, 35 advanced training courses were conducted in which 700 officers were trained. In addition, the Training and Recruiting Division provided training to 47 other agencies, which consisted of 992 students.

Many MTPD personnel attended advanced training courses throughout the year. Ten transportation inspectors, 20 civilian personnel, and 149 commissioned employees attended 33 different training courses.

NMSP TRAINING & RECRUITING BUREAU

West Zone



East Zone

Captain Roman Jimenez

District 4 – Las Cruces

Captain Ted Collins

District 1 – Santa Fe

Captain Jose Aragon

District 5 – Albuquerque

Captain Dale Wagoner

District 2 – Las Vegas

Captain Mitchell Maestas

District 6 – Gallup

Captain Lance Bateman

District 3 – Roswell

Captain Robert Eshom

District 10 – Farmington

Captain Robert Thornton

District 7 – Espanola

Captain Jason Green

District 11 – Socorro

Captain Stephen Cary

District 8 – Alamogordo

Captain Robert Gomez

District 12 - Deming

Captain Matthew Broom

District 9 - Clovis

NMSP UNIFORM BUREAU

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

Overall, the NMSP Uniformed personnel saw a 7% increase in calls for service in 2013. With the increase in calls for service, NMSP officers also wrote more citations, arrested more people, investigated more crashes, and arrested more DWI drivers than the previous year. The number of fatal crashes NMSP officers investigated decreased by 8%.

In 2013, NMSP added 57 new officers, from two recruit schools, to the Uniform Bureau. Uniformed officers have been persistent at making their communities safer for the citizens who live there by staying focused on the Department's goals of reducing the number of DWI's, reducing motor vehicle crashes, increasing seatbelt use, and overall crime reduction.

Officers from around the state are involved with their communities by participating in several awareness programs, safety events, planning committees, and citizen involvement programs. Many of them are also involved with the youth in their communities.

2013 Quick Facts

District	Officers in District (rank of patrolman only)	Calls for Service (not including traffic stops)	Calls for Service in Tribal Jurisdiction	Traffic Citations	Total Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests	Felony Arrests	Total Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Total DWI's
D1	22	11,888	323	18,373	926	764	162	295	4	220
D2	27	10,744	0	23,671	938	627	311	618	12	130
D3	19	4,129	0	22,337	992	804	188	812	30	122
D4	24	4,936	0	15,071	561	415	146	549	7	124
D5	28	13,576	41	24,285	1,323	1,080	243	202	11	376
D6	23	6,132	252	17,142	865	739	126	257	11	330
D7	37	13,358	144	27,364	2,491	1,812	679	320	6	327
D8	12	2,866	16	12,310	605	489	116	303	9	83
D9	24	11,181	0	20,858	1,281	615	231	322	10	113
D10	14	5,887	23	15,135	1,078	956	84	253	3	182
D11	15	4,168	13	12,461	558	442	116	157	6	90
D12	25	3,545	0	24,448	789	639	150	394	8	142
Total	270	92,410	812	233,455	12,407	9,382	2,552	4,482	117	2,239

NMSP UNIFORM BUREAU

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

The Special Investigations Division (SID) is the designated lead agency for the enforcement of New Mexico's Liquor Control Act and a major contributor in the state's effort to reduce DWI. They ensure the State's 2,489 licensed liquor establishments and 2,274 special dispenser permits are compliant with the Liquor Control Act and adhere to the administrative rules and regulations.

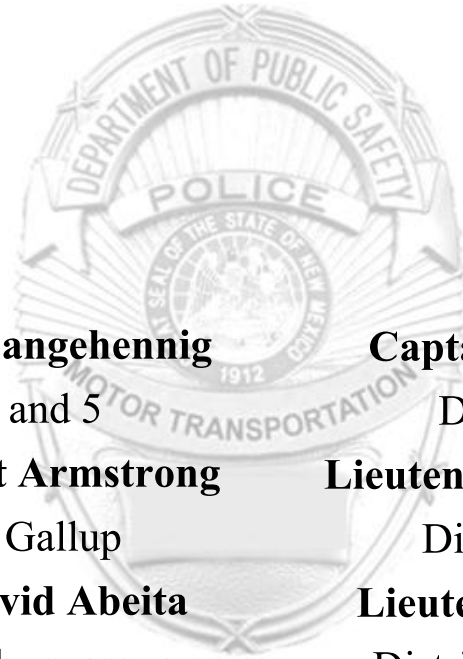
SID Officers have statewide law enforcement jurisdiction and enforce both administrative regulations and criminal codes. The Division performs a wide range of enforcement and regulatory activities statewide, to include: premise inspections at licensed liquor establishments, compliance operations regarding underage purchases of alcohol and tobacco, source investigations, investigations into the illegal sale of alcohol to intoxicated persons, financial investigations, and undercover operations. SID personnel also conduct training for city and county police officers, community groups, and industry employees. Also in 2013, the Division was responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Concealed Handgun Carry Act.

Understandably, DWI reduction requires more than effecting enforcement and compliance operations. To further this goal, agents provided 229.5 hours of responsible sales and service training to 3,178 industry employees.

2013 Quick Facts					
Number of SID Officers throughout NM	Criminal Citations Issued	Total Administrative Citations Issued	Alcohol Related Citations Issued to Minors	Selling/Serving to Intoxicated Person Citations Issued	Premise Checks
16	421	391	182	57	902

NM SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



Captain Cary Langehennig

Districts 1 and 5

Lieutenant Scott Armstrong

District 1 – Gallup

Lieutenant David Abeita

District 5 – Albuquerque

Captain Chris Mydock

Districts 3 and 7

Lieutenant Mike Weatherly

District 3 – Hobbs

Lieutenant Ty Hamilton

District 7 - Alamogordo

Captain Craig Brashear

Special Operations and
Inspections, Districts 2 and 8

Lieutenant Chris Molyneaux

District 2 – San Jon

Lieutenant Larry Moore

District 8 - Raton

Captain Greg Kerr

Districts 4 and 6

Lieutenant Kelly White

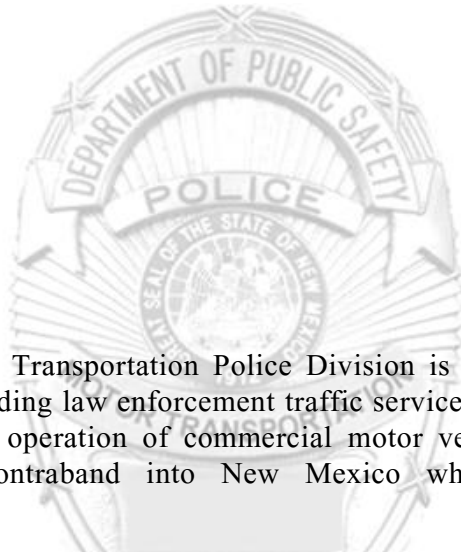
District 4 – Lordsburg

Lieutenant Janine Trujillo

District 6 – Anthony/Santa
Teresa

NM MOTOR TRANSPORTATION POLICE

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



The mission of the Motor Transportation Police Division is to promote safety on New Mexico highways by providing law enforcement traffic services to the motoring public, to ensure the safe and legal operation of commercial motor vehicles, and to prevent the introduction of illicit contraband into New Mexico while facilitating legitimate commercial trade.

The New Mexico Motor Transportation Police Division (NMMTPD) serves as one of the first lines of defense against threats to homeland security from individuals using commercial motor vehicles for terrorist activities. They conduct radiological inspections on all Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) shipments originating or entering the state.

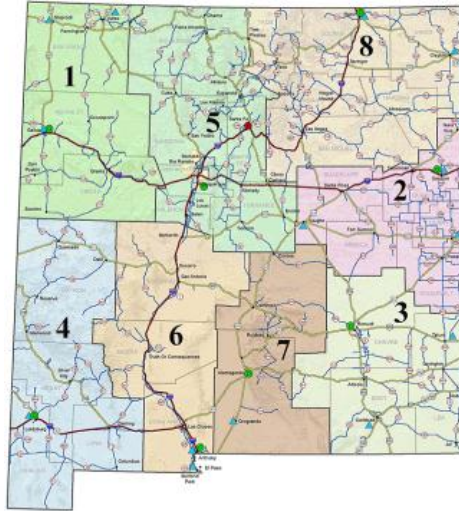
In addition to operating 16 full and part time ports of entry located throughout the state, NMMTPD officers perform a wide range of regulatory and enforcement activities statewide by enforcing the State Criminal Code, Motor Transportation Act, Motor Carrier Act, Motor Vehicle Code, and numerous laws from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 – Transportation as adopted by the New Mexico Administrative Code.

MTPD was recognized by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance for having the best compliance review program from 2012-2013 by an agency serving a small to medium population base.

In the year 2013, MTPD officers seized approximately 1,225 pounds of marijuana, 2 grams of cocaine, 1 gram of heroin, 18 other illegal tablets, and approximately 16.25 pounds of methamphetamine. They also identified two compartment vehicles, conducted 87,527 vehicle inspections and placed an average of 11.575% of the inspected vehicles statewide out of service for safety violations that could endanger the motoring public. They also conducted 58 educational events.

NM MOTOR TRANSPORTATION POLICE

New Mexico Department of Public Safety



2013 Quick Facts

District	Officers in District (rank of patrolman only)	Calls for Service (not including traffic stops)	Calls for Service in Tribal Jurisdiction	Traffic Citations	Total Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests	Felony Arrests	Total Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Total DWI's
D1	10	384	0	4,549	33	26	7	60	0	3
D2	8	412	0	5,850	23	21	2	95	3	5
D3	3	191	0	1,671	13	13	0	36	7	1
D4	14	804	0	8,794	172	150	22	52	1	6
D5/HQ	12	342	0	3,353	66	51	15	13	15	3
D6	21	529	0	8,317	124	119	5	124	0	16
D7	7	212	0	5,890	42	42	0	55	1	1
D8	3	160	0	1,843	9	3	6	10	1	0
Total	78	3,033	0	40,267	482	425	57	445	36	35

NM MOTOR TRANSPORTATION POLICE

Purple Heart Award

Sergeant Lawrence Murray

Agent Joey Gallegos

Officer William Hayoz

Meritorious Achievement Award

Lieutenant Victor Gallegos

Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant Jeff Burke

Sergeant Jose Martinez

Sergeant Joseph Schake

Sergeant Raul Vigil

Agent Milton Reed

Officer Dean Carroll

Officer Justin Davis

Officer Michael Gallardo

Officer Jesse Mendoza

Officer Steven Nunez

Officer Martin Thorsted

2013 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

SP	<u>Officer of the Year</u>	<u>Civilian of the Year</u>
D1	Janice Madrid	Victoria Martinez
D2	Jonathan Wright	Susanna Lujan
D3	Hector Vasquez	Stacy Sanders
D4	Thomas Vital	Juan Morales
D5	Kurtis Ward	Rebecca Anaya
D6	Devin Largo	Clyde Vanosdol
D7	Colby Skidmore	Judy Maes
D8	Andrew Hoover	Sandra Burgueno
D9	Isaac Vigil	Rita Gallego
D10	Hector Vacio	
D11	Michael Forgue	Margaret Aguilar
D12	Daniel Evans	Richard Raffensparger

SID	<u>Agent of the Year</u>	<u>Civilian of the Year</u>
		Elanor Gallegos
North Zone	Angel Torres	
South Zone	Carlos Martinez	

MTPD	<u>Officer of the Year</u>	<u>Civilian of the Year</u>	<u>Transportation Inspector of the Year</u>
HQ		Amanda Trujillo	
D1	Bryan Troncoso	Debbie Upshaw	Martin Padilla
D2	David Chavez	Sylvia Gomez	Dale Bone
D3	Sammy Clouthier	Florence Rochelle	Tim McHenry
D4	Ben Strain	Gloria Jarrott	David Gomez
D5	Stan Lundy	Linda Burch	
D6	Jose Luis Arrelano	Marisela Cortez	William Carpenter
D7	Fred Curtis	Cathy Bourdon	Kelly LaRaye Preciado
D8	Jose Miera		Edward Alcon

2013 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

IB

Agent of the Year

Civilian of the Year

Sylvia Morales

North Zone

Gabe Trujillo

South Zone

Patrick Bucksath

Technical Unit

Clay Goret

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Civilian of the Year

Jamie Bair

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Civilian of the Year

Aircraft

Marvin James

North Fleet

Clyde Vanosdol

South Fleet

Juan Morales

COMMUNICATIONS

Civilian of the Year

D1

Victoria Martinez

D2

Anthony Ortiz

D3

Angelique Oropesa

D4

Giovanni Gardiner

D5

Monica Goodson

D6

Richard Acevedo

D7

Kimberly Jermance

D8

Sandra Burgueno

D9

Greg Sappington

D11

Kelly Hampton

2013 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

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2013 HIGHLIGHTS

NMDPS: In 2013, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) was recognized by the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) at a luncheon held at the National Guard Amory in Albuquerque. The award was presented to the Department for their practice of hiring returning veterans and members of the Guard and Reserve.

The NMDPS implemented its LiveScan fingerprinting service solution for all applicant background checks in New Mexico. This applicant background check solution is totally electronic and provides New Mexico residents the means to complete their required federal and state background checks quickly, conveniently, and at the lowest possible cost.

Nine members of the New Mexico State Police and one officer from the Motor Transportation Police received awards at the Tenth Annual United States Attorney's Law Enforcement Recognition Awards Ceremony in 2013. The ceremony recognizes law enforcement officers and citizens for their outstanding efforts during the past year.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

In July of 2013, after years of planning and effort, the new DPS Communications Bureau was created and now consists of one Director, 10 supervisors and 73 communications specialists. The DPS Communications Centers handled 10% more CAD events than in 2012 and processed an average of 1,100 Drunk Buster calls per month, for a total of 13,321 for the year.

The DPS crime lab, through their forensic work, were instrumental in solving two cases involving a theft from a State Police vault and the State Treasures Office.

NMSP: In 2013, NMSP saw an increase in activity for the entire Agency. The Agency had a 7% increase in calls for service. The number of traffic stops also increased by 10%, from 191,726 in 2012, to 211,059 in 2013. Our officers conducted 19,333 more traffic stops in 2013. Additionally, the Agency increased their total arrest numbers by 13%, to 12,407 in 2013, an increase of 1,637. As a whole, Uniformed personnel spent most of their time responding to erratic drivers, investigating accidents, assisting other law enforcement officers, conducting motorist assists, conducting traffic stops and welfare checks, serving warrants and effecting arrests, and responding to the public when they request to speak to an officer.

The NMSP graduated 57 new officers from its academy in 2013. Four officers were reinstated to the Department, 27 retired, 23 resigned, and five were terminated. The NMSP had an authorized strength of 567 officers in 2013, and at the end of the year, they employed 508.

For the first time in history, the NMSP had within its officer ranks, 31 women, as of December 2013. Sue Dewalt and Dorcas Bailey were the first women to complete the academy in the 34th recruit class after the height requirement of six feet was dropped in 1976. Since then, the number of women employed by the NMSP has climbed and they are very proud of their accomplishment to have earned the right to wear the black and gray.



2013 HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico Department of Public Safety

At the beginning of 2013, the New Mexico State Police started the ground work in a community messaging service called Nixle. This system pushes alerts and advisories to cell phone numbers (via text) or email addresses. With this technology, the New Mexico State Police can enhance its initiatives to push out important information to New Mexico's residents.

In January 2013, the Medal of Valor was awarded to Officer Robert Soule, NMSP, for his actions in a hostage situation where he disarmed a suspect and freed the hostage.



On June 12, 2013, New Mexico State Police lost one of its loyal and committed K-9 service dogs, Chica. Chica was 14 years old and peacefully passed away of natural causes. Chica served on the Department for approximately nine years and retired to the care of her handler, Sergeant Arcenio Chavez in 2010. Chica has been described as “the most successful K-9 to serve in the State Police ranks” according to State Police K-9 Sergeant Arcenio Chavez. As part of Chica's successful career with State Police, she was integral in the seizure of 10,340 pounds of marijuana, 216 pounds of methamphetamine, 10.5 pounds of heroin, and 202 pounds of cocaine. Chica's legacy and impeccable accomplishments will live on. She is gone, but will never be forgotten.

NMMTPD: In April 2013, the New Mexico Motor Transportation Police Division was awarded the “2013 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Leadership Award” for safety enforcement. New Mexico was one of only three states to receive this award which was presented by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The Safety Enforcement Award is presented to the states with the most productive and focused safety enforcement programs in terms of cost efficiency, traffic enforcement, and data quality.

On May 1, 2013, The New Mexico Motor Transportation Police and its Smart Roadside Inspection System were named one of the top 25 programs in Innovations in American Government Award competition. The Smart Roadside Inspection system helps cut down on the number of crashes on our highways along with identifying unsafe motor carriers creating safer roads for everyone in our state.

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The MTPD hired 22 personnel in 2013: 15 civilian personnel, eight transportation inspectors, five lateral transfer certified officers, and two non-certified officers. They promoted 16 supervisors and transferred several officers.

SID: The Special Investigations Division added three new agents to their ranks in 2013. Those new agents are assigned to the Clovis, Albuquerque, and Farmington areas. The Special Investigations Division personnel are focused on their mission more than ever.



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